

The Founder Fire



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Warmest greetings to Founder friends - world wide!

Founders in six foreign countries and the many thousands in the United States who have "camped and trained" together during the past twenty years, will receive this two-way combination number of Founder house organs. "Two way" because it is a Christmas-New Year number and "combination" because it is a composite of

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We hope you'll like the arrangement. And we trust, too, that this renewal of old contacts will prove to be a happy and stimulating experience to all who though far removed from actual camping days, still believe in the beauty and simplicity of the Jesus Way.

You will want to make note of

OUR NEW ADDRESS

Suite 200-207, 3713 Washington Boulevard,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Better jot this down somewhere so you will have it handy when you want to write the Founder office.

Our new offices are delightful. We are "just around the corner" from the old location on Grand Boulevard, away from the dirt and noise of a "street-car street". The building is new and our offices face on Washington Boulevard which gives us heaps of light and sunshine.

Incidentally, the very first Founder to see the new offices was none other than Horace A. Sanderson - "Sandy" from Kentucky, and Sandy tells us that the new location more than has his approval.

Drop in and see us the next time you come this way.

TO OUR FOUNDER FRIENDS:

You will be glad to know that at the last meeting of our Executive Committee, our own Wadjepi, Mr. P. G. Orwig, was unanimously elected Director of the American Youth Foundation.

During the summer Wadjepi took up the program which had been so well planned by Kinji and carried it out in an admirable way. The Foundation feels that it has made no mistake in putting the active direction of its program in Wadjepi's hands. For many years he has been the close associate of Kinji. Their intimate contacts, their love for the cause of youth, and their understanding of our program certainly gives us the fullest confidence that Wadjepi will carry forward the traditions of the past.

Behind Wadjepi's ability and unusual personality must come your help. The Trustees of the Foundation have pledged him their unanimous support. May we not, in turn, have your word that you will back him up to the very limit so that the work of the American Youth Foundation, to which Kinji gave his whole self, will be carried forward to the high purposes for which it was created.

William H. Danforth, President,
THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

TO MY FOUNDER FRIENDS:

The action of the Executive Committee in asking me to serve as Director of the American Youth Foundation was not taken with a view to naming some one to fill Kinji's place. His place is not vacant. It is ever his. As long as there is a Founder Fellowship, the name of John L. Alexander shall be honored and revered as the one who conceived, founded, and brought to its present development the work of training young people to be Christian leaders in the work of the world.

Nor does this action of the Executive Committee mean that there is to be any change in the fundamental principles for which this organization has always stood.

For twenty years we have preached and taught just one message to the youth of America and the world. We have never seen fit to change our emphasis. Today, with greater conviction than ever, we believe that the only way whereby youth can achieve their best selves is to live their lives according to the Jesus Way. Should the time ever come when the work of this organization is not built on this solid foundation of truth, there will no longer be a need for the work of the American Youth Foundation.

I gladly accept the challenge of the Trustees of the American Youth Foundation to carry on the work to which Kinji gave so largely of his best thought and energy. And I call upon all you who loved our old leader to rally anew to the challenge to live four-foldly and to serve whole-heartedly in teaching the Jesus Way of living to youth. If this work is right, it demands our very best. Let us give without stint.

In Kinji's name and in His name, let us carry on - together.

Sincerely yours,

Wadjepi Preston G. Orwig

MINIWANCA'S NEW CREATION

Those who are, and all who in the future may become "Founders," will find in the Tipi-Wakan at Miniwanca a fresh and abiding instrument of inspiration and spiritual suggestion in the new painting by Lillian Thoele of "The Dreamer and His Shoreless Dream." The dreamer is Kinji-gissis, spiritual founder of the present American Youth Foundation; and his dream,- the continuous discovery, inspiration, and training of spiritually minded leaders, for all the high vocations of life, from among the ever on-coming youth of the land. It is indeed a "shoreless dream" which is being given progressive, practical articulation in the work of the American Youth Foundation; a work which, under God, should never end.

The triangular space allotted to this painting has lent itself admirably to a triune composition. The unit on the left is the first in order of progression. It is a camp fire scene on the shore of a shining lake, originally Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where Kinji first made known his dream to a group of older boys and the triumvirate of men who, through all the years since, have been friends and co-laborers with him in their steadily expanding task. There, seated about a friendship-fire, with its comforting warmth, its aspiring tongues of flame, its race-old suggestiveness of the presence of deity, are Kinji, Minisino, Wadjepi, Dad, and a little group of older boys.

What a fascinating study in individual and group portraiture this scene presents! It is late evening; the group as a whole is surrounded by that dark illusive light that hovers about a body of water at night; yet, each face is distinctively "played-up" by the tones of light that fall upon it from the central fire.

There sits Kinji in the midst of them; his far-seeing blue eyes looking beyond them, his right hand outstretched in a gesture of vision, his posture one of simple dignity; we can almost hear the tones of his voice against the plash and play of the nearby wavelets, the fitful cracklings from the fire, and the occasional flourish of a wandering breeze through the tree tops. How easily he sits there, the dynamic center of that entire group!

Now look at Minisino; successful man of business, and Christian idealist and philanthropist to boot! Scornful of laziness, impatient of mediocrity, despising inefficiency, eager to venture into the luring unknown, always "in quest of the best," quick to discern and appreciate merit and promise in the young people about him, ready to aid all who are worth aiding,- look at him sitting there near Kinji! Notice the significant placement of his right hand, the thrill in his face, as with wide open and discerning eyes he looks out into the "big venture" being unfolded before him.

And there is Wadjepi! Healthy in body, healthy in mind, healthy in spirit; of nimble wit, invigorating humor, and open hearted friendliness; of manly sportsmanship, unflagging zeal, and untiring persistence; the practical idealist, ready on the instant to turn dreams into doings, visions into ways, ideals into actions;- look at him as he sits there with that curious look on his face, every fibre of his being alive to the kindling significance and energizing force of the vision being spread out before him, eager for the signal "up and after it."

And Dad! Dad whom we all love! Dad who thrills us with his stories of nobility and heroism, who as teacher stimulates us to high thinking, who as counselor and friend incites and motivates us to nobler endeavor and more worthwhile living! Dad who has never lost the thrill of living! Strong, thoughtful, spiritual, emphatic, inspiring Dad! There he sits! That curve of his lithe form, that bend of the head, that penetrative narrowing of the eyes, that half smile of intense appreciation,- how characteristically expressive they are of him and of his high grasp of the enterprise being propounded!

These three men look as if they might at any moment blurt out some characteristic phrase of enthusiasm or joy or eager purpose; but, they are silent; tinglingly silent; as befits men who are seeing the invisible, the possible, the "ought to be!" And how intently the boys, whose backs are towards us, seem by their very postures to be taking everything in! On that memorable night these men, and the boys with them, were drafted into an endless adventure by a Dreamer with a Shoreless Dream.

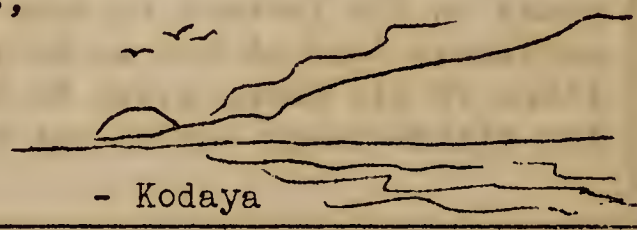
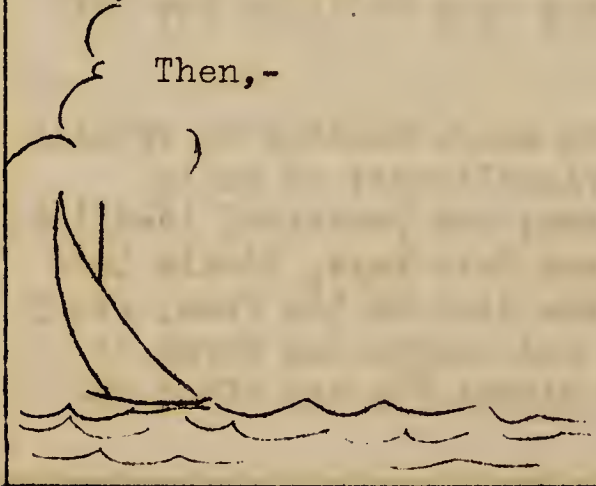
Look now at the second unit on the right. There, pictorially set before us, is the present form of realization to which that early dream has been brought. There are the dunes whose soft amber sands, silent through long, cold winters, sing jubilantly each summer to the buoyant tramp of youthful feet; there, the games that develop high spiritual sportsmanship while they intensify and enhance our physical and mental alertness and vigor; there, the social interrelations that generate and advance life-long comradeships; there, the shrine that invites to meditation and prayer and communion with God; there, the spiritual thoughtfulness that looks out upon life in a new way, with that "sting" that "bids nor sit, nor stay, but go"; and there, the shining sea! This entire unit is a coherent representation of the varied activities engaged in at our beloved camp, activities calculated to stimulate and advance those who participate in them in those higher ways of living for which Miniwanca stands.

By artistic arrangement of lines as well as by their psychological suggestiveness, these two units carry our attention and interest into the upper and concluding unit. There, stretching out beyond that shoreless horizon, spreads the rhythmic shining sea, inviting all who dare, to sail beyond "the light of setting suns." See how, one by one, according to the measure of their daring and their responsiveness, individual campers are setting out in their own distinctive barges, out towards the calling horizon. And there, on the far edge of the waters, is that mystic barque upon which our great leader has sailed on ahead of us, about to disappear in the light that is beyond; and there, beyond him, still leading him, is the symbol of that other Leader who was ever before him,- the Cross!

Then,-

"O young Mariner,
Down to the haven,
Call your companions,
Launch your vessel
And crowd your canvas,
And, ere it vanishes
Over the margin,
After it, follow it,
Follow the Gleam."

- Kodaya



HIS VOICE

Interesting, indeed, would it be to know how big a factor in the camp program are the breakfast devotions. Many have asked for the sentences used last summer, so they are gladly transferred from notebook to "Four-Folder." It proved most fitting to quote one of Kinji's many superb statements each morning to begin the work of the day, and here they are - ours for further refreshing and inspiration.

"To venture is to challenge one's self to hew new paths."

Prayer - May it be ours, our Father-God, increasingly to press on unto the prize of Thine own upward calling in Christ Jesus.

"The reachings of the soul have always proved to be the index to man's achieving."

Prayer - Help us establish, O God, as a basic principle of our living, the truth that we prosper and are at peace only as our souls prosper.

"Leadership permits no round pegs in square holes."

Prayer - May we, O Lord, God of Hosts, take our individual parts even in the suffering of hardships as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

"The spiritual must pace the material in any world-wide expectancy."

Prayer - Help us to realize, our Father, that if the truths of the gospel are hidden, they are hidden by things that perish.

"The patience of God spurns hurry."

Prayer - Bless, O God, our practice of the law that they who wait upon Thee shall renew their strength.

"The crown of individuality is to express itself with others in a common enterprise."

Prayer - Bless us, our Father, in making the motto of Jesus the motto for our lives - for their sakes I consecrate myself.

"Christian civilization is Jesus at work in the souls and lives of men."

Prayer - May we realize more and more, O God, that we are followers of Him who came not to be served but to serve.

"If you put ideas above place and life above institutions, laugh and work and press forward; you are a winner."

Prayer - We would remember, our Father, that even the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.

"Satisfactions that last through the years are responsible for the enthusiasms."

Prayer - May we, O God, experience more and more the truth that to taste is to find that Thou art good.

"It is only knowledge set to work that is power."

Prayer - Our Father, may our boasting be this - the testimony of our knowing together.

"Youth is interested only in beliefs that can be translated into living."

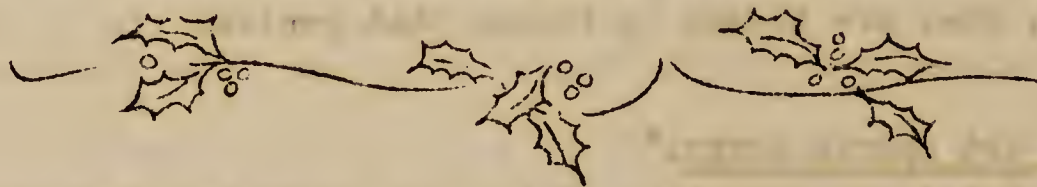
Prayer - More clearly would we see, our Father, that it is only as we will to do Thy will that we shall know.

"The soul's intake clogs without spiritual outflow."

Prayer - As lights of the world, our Father, may we ever keep our candles on the candlestick instead of under the bushel.

The sentences I have given you are from Kinji's writings in "The Four-Folder." May I say of him what Jesus said of His Father - "The words which thou gavest me, I have given them." (John 17:8)

Prayer - May the statements of great truths, O God, be as a lamp unto our own feet and a light along life's pathway.



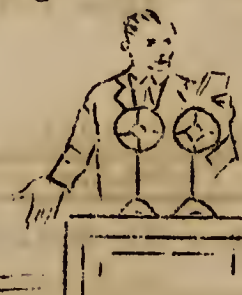
LISTEN IN ON DAN POLING

Dan Poling's Young People's Conference broadcast is enjoyed every Sunday afternoon by many thousands of young people throughout the country.

Dan Poling is a dynamic speaker. When he says a thing it comes straight from the shoulder and straight from the heart as well.

Of special interest to Founders is Dr. Poling's announcement of last Sunday, December 11, that he would on a near future Sunday, tell his radio audience of the work of the American Youth Foundation. It is hoped that all Founders will follow the Poling broadcast every Sunday and that they will urge their many friends to do likewise.

Look up the hour and station in your local paper.



THE JOHN L. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Let me most earnestly urge all campers and leaders to give careful thought to the appeal of the Memorial Fellowship Committee for funds to create a permanent scholarship memorial in honor of our departed leader.

The difference between this Memorial Fund and the current funds of the American Youth Foundation is that memorial contributions, unless otherwise specified by the donor, will be used for the purpose of creating a permanent fund, the interest on which shall be used to provide Founder camp scholarships to selected young people of unusual leadership ability.

It is expected that for the most part, grants of full scholarships will be made to this group. Eligibility will probably be determined by competition. The standards will be high.

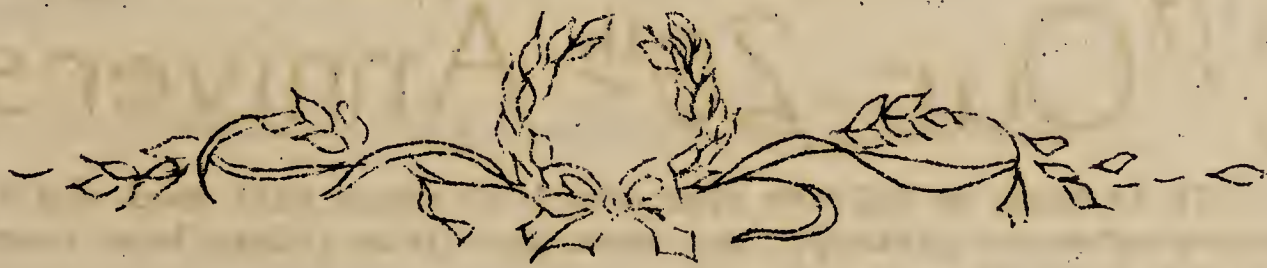
A contribution to the Memorial Fund for our beloved leader will give the donor a life-long interest in the training and development of a steady stream of young people whose leadership in the days ahead should have a marked influence for good in the lives of men.

Current contributions to the American Youth Foundation make possible the training of hundreds of other young people who attend the Founder Camps, in addition to those who receive scholarship grants from the John L. Alexander Memorial Fellowship.

The Memorial Committee is anxious that no one shall withhold a contribution to the fund because of limited resources - all gifts will be most gratefully received.

It is hoped that all who knew Kinji will share in the perpetuation of his memory through the personalities of those who are chosen to receive these special honors.

The Memorial Committee does not have funds to finance a "follow up" letter. Please give this matter prompt and prayerful attention.

WHY I BELIEVE IN FOUNDER TRAINING FOR YOUNGER GIRLS

The French writer, Rousseau, in a famous treatise on education, written in the 18th century, said:

"The education of the woman should be always relative to the man. To please, to be useful to us, to make us love and esteem them, to educate us when young, to take care of us when grown up, to advise, to console us, to render our lives easy and agreeable: these are the duties of women at all times, and what they should be taught!"

Our first impulse upon reading this paragraph is probably to say, "How the world

has changed!" And so it has....But I believe that even Rousseau himself would have had to admit that the women of his day, if they really did as he advocated they do, had considerable influence upon the life of the times. Women of all times have had a significant part in shaping the standards of their world, and therefore of all time. From present indications, it seems certain that the women of this generation, and of generations to come, are destined to play an increasingly important part in the life of the world. Their contribution is going to be determined by the height, depth, and breadth of the principles which are their "ruling passions" and the pilots of their conduct.

Those of us who believe in the Christian way of life know that the guiding principles of life should never be static, but should grow with our concept of Truth. However, there is borne in upon our consciousness more and more by actual evidence the truth of the fact that very early in life certain habits of thinking are formed which result in attitudes that can never be changed - come what may.

The American Youth Foundation has realized the tremendous potentialities with which the early adolescent years of girls and boys are fraught. We have extended our work to include Christian Leadership training, in an elementary form, for boys and girls of eleven to fifteen years of age. If we can give them, during these years, such a sane, living, challenging conception of the Jesus way of living that it will truly be a pilot to their conduct in the days ahead, then we shall have done something very definite toward the building of a finer world.

I believe in the training of younger girls for the part they are playing and will play in the life of the world. Furthermore, I believe thoroughly in the Founder plan of training younger girls. I consider it a privilege to have a part in this plan because I sincerely feel it is making very real to younger girls the kind of life which will bring them happiness and more abundant living, and which will train them to make their contribution to the life of their generation.

- Marie E. Shaver - "Horace"



Our 20th Anniversary

It is hard to believe that the 1933 camps will mark the twentieth year of camp-conference history. And what marvelous things have been wrought in youth training in these two decades.

One just dare not elaborate too freely on this subject for an attempt at reminiscence would mean an opening of the flood-gates of memory and an outpouring of recollections that would fill many editions of The Four-Folder.

Well do I remember the long skirts that the girls daintily scooped up as they dashed (oh, horrors, no, not slid) to home on a particularly long hit ball to the infield. And can you see the camp girls of two decades ago, clad in bloomer bathing suits and stockings, my dear, as they disported themselves merrily in the waters off pebbly beach!!

But I promised not to "reminisce."

Well, this is our 20th Anniversary Celebration and celebrate we will. And will we have fun? Wait till you see the baseball game between the old-timers and the girls of the 1933 camp! Wait till you see the picture review of camp history - and wait till you see some of those old-timers do their stuff as they forget their cares and troubles and are girls and boys again - "just for tonight."

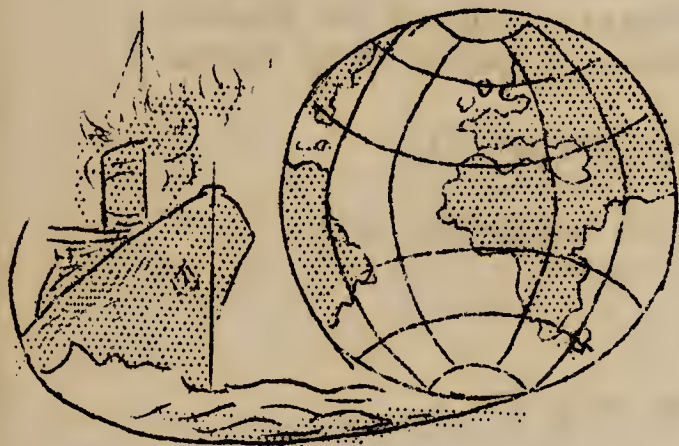
We can't tell you more. You must come and see it for yourself and become a part of the big "Sallybration."

The celebration will extend over a period of two weeks - the last week of the Boys' Camp and the first week of the Girls' Camp at Merrowvista.

At Miniwanca - the last week of the Girls' Camp and the first week of the Boys' Camp.

This will enable old campers and their wives and children and single campers of both sexes to spend a week in each camp - thus seeing both camps in action.

A glorious vacation awaits old campers and leaders - a vacation in your choice of two of the loveliest camps in America.



Write to the Founder office for special rates - and transportation information. Plan now to come back and fellowship with old friends. To those of you who will come to Miniwanca, the Chicago World's Fair offers a special inducement - for the camp is just 150 miles across the Lake from Chicago - a delightful overnight trip.

Reservations should be made at an early date. More later.

THE EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF THE FOUNDER CAMPS

The Founder Camps have always been conducted on the basis of sound educational theory for the training of youth. This applies not only to class-room work but to the social and recreational program as well. Several years ago, a worker with youth, in writing his doctorate thesis, made a study of young people's summer training enterprises in America. In informing us of the results of his investigations, he stated that the camp-conferences of the American Youth Foundation topped the entire list. This, of course, is as it should be, for the camp-conference plan of training was founded and developed by the Founder group, and it is a pretty safe statement to make that there are very few organizations engaged in summer Christian leadership training camps that are not very largely adapting the Founders' organization and methods to their own work.

Founders are given every assurance that the same high educational standards as of the past, will typify the work of the Founder Camps in the days ahead. A

Committee on Education is now being formed. The director will make every possible use of this group of experienced leaders in the evaluation of present curriculum material, and in the development of plans for the future. Already a number of new courses are being contemplated, the introduction of which will greatly broaden the scope of our training work and increase our service to youth and to various organizations represented in Founder camp constituency.

- P. G. Crwig - "Wadjepi"

Announcing

CAMP DATES FOR 1933

YOU

CAMP MINIWANCA

YOUNGER GIRLS' CAMP -
11-15 years of age

7 Week Term.....June 20 to August 7
First 4 Week Term.....June 20 to July 17
Second 4 Week Term.....July 10 to August 7

YOUNGER BOYS' CAMP -
11-15 years of age

7 Week Term.....June 21 to August 7
First 4 Week Term.....June 21 to July 17
Second 4 Week Term.....July 10 to August 7

15½-16 years of age -

4 Week Term.....August 7 to Sept. 4

OLDER GIRLS' CAMP

August 7 to August 21

OLDER BOYS' CAMP

August 21 to September 4

CAMP MERROWVISTA

OLDER BOYS' CAMP

June 26 to July 10

OLDER GIRLS' CAMP

July 10 to July 24

IMPORTANT TO US

May we dissertate briefly on the very important matter of "address" - where you live. A correct address is the most important of all factors in the delivery of mail. When you move and don't tell your friends where you have moved, how will those friends know where to find you? Hundreds of old campers are on our temporary "dead list" because of "Returned mail." If you know of any such, or if your own mailing address in our office is incorrect, please set us straight. Why not be a good, helpful Founder, right now, by dropping us a "check up" card. Thank you.

FOUNDER CAMP IMPRESSIONS OF A NEW LEADER

Dear Wadjepi:

You asked for my impression of Camp - here it is.

I sometimes feel like kicking the fellow who always says, "I told you so." After being at Miniwanca I almost wanted to kick some friends who hadn't told me so. Not a Founder friend I have had described Miniwanca to me in worthy enough terms. If they had, I know I would have been there sooner. But before I hear you say, "All right, big boy, let's hear you do it," I'm going to back right down and admit I can't.

When a fellow has attended as many camps and conferences as I have, he begins to find some repetition and consequent dullness. Frankly, I was "all set" for a certain amount of boredom even at Miniwanca but what I found was a spirit and an atmosphere as refreshing as the breeze on Old Baldy. Believe it or not, here was a place where deep friendship, spirit and ideals grow as easily and naturally as old Topsy.

Classes that challenge; leaders that understand and inspire; friends that you want; activities that thrill you, and nature at her best. Blend and balance all of these in a practical, efficiently run program and you have Miniwanca.

You might call it a place to get your face lifted, inside and out;--corners of the mouth go up, chin rises, upper lip stiffens and eyes look up. Many a fellow discovers that he has left an ordinary self behind and stepped into the kind of self he wants to be and deep in his heart really believes he might be. Here is a place where we happily discover that ideals can be realities - practical, worth while and liveable.

As a leader, I was especially interested in the Camp management - the planning, operation and coordination. Without question, it is the best operated camp I know of -- plenty of everything and always the right thing at the right time and place. You and your associates have a rare combination of experience, efficiency, vision and fine spirit, without which no camp can attain Miniwanca's degree of success.

If every camper enjoyed camp as much as I did, he wouldn't take a fortune for the experience. I intend to repeat at my first opportunity. Can't you do something to hasten the time for camp to come?

Sincerely,

"Bob" Heusinkveld

YOUTH WEEK IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

How would you like to have one of the Foundation directors spend a week in your church? During the week, the entire emphasis of that church would be on work with youth. There would be conferences with church leaders and officers, teachers and parent groups, as well as meetings with the young people themselves. Where desired, the young people, 16 to 22 years of age, would be put through the questionnaire interview and prescription process just as in camp.

Church workers, where the plan has been tried, agree that this is one of the most resultful forms of service that has ever been rendered their respective churches.

Are you interested? Write for information.

"I DARE YOU!"



Don't read this book if you are afraid of a dare.

Read it if you want courage, vision and a way to tackle 1933 and the days ahead.

Upwards of ten thousand copies have been sold. Ministers, business men, educators, volunteer religious workers, college men and women, high school boys and girls, and particularly Founders, are enthusiastically reading it and passing it on to others.

One school teacher says, "I have three copies constantly in circulation in my room."

Cost - \$1.00. Our own "Minisino" - William H. Danforth - is the author.

Get it - read it - and brace up!

A NEW CAMP UNIT

"The Founder System" of Christian leadership training camps is a phrase that takes on new meaning as newly discovered needs demand additional camping units to meet the requirements of a constantly expanding organization.

If present plans materialize, there will be added to the Miniwanca schedule this summer, a camp for boys 15½-16 years of age. This camp is a natural development of the Younger Boys' Camp program of the past three years. There are now between twenty and thirty younger boy campers who are eligible to enroll in the new camp.

The boys will occupy the Younger Boys' Camp from August 7 to September 4 - paralleling the sessions of the Older Girls' and Older Boys' Camps.

The program of the new camp will be arranged so as to permit the boys to participate in a limited number of activities in the Older Boys' Camp. Sufficient credit work will be done to permit these boys, if desired, to enroll as second year campers in the Older Boys' Camp of 1934.

The "older" younger boy campers are enthusiastically looking forward to a new pioneering experience and a wonderful month of camping next August at Camp Miniwanca.

Boys, 15½-16 years of age, who have never previously attended a Founder Camp, will also be accepted for the new camp.

This plan offers a very fine camping program for boys of this age who want more than two weeks of summer camping.

Founder campers and leaders are earnestly requested to send in the names of selected boys who would be eligible to attend the new camp.

BRASS BUTTONS - WINNER COATS - and YOU

The British Tommy always keeps the brass buttons of his soldier blouse highly polished. In the far-flung line of her possessions the code of every Englishman is to dine in his dinner coat. Neither soldier nor statesman can afford to let down or else he would drift to the level of the people he is trying to lift up.

In "Flowering Wilderness" Galsworthy has one of his characters say:

"In the East the Englishman, or rather the Briton, because as often as not he's a Scot or a Welshman or a North Irishman, is generally isolated: traveller, archaeologist, soldier, official, civilian, planter, doctor, engineer, or missionary, he's almost always head man of a small separate show; he maintains himself against odds on the strength of the Englishman's reputation. If a single Englishman is found wanting, down goes the stock of all other Englishmen. People know that and recognize its importance.....Unless there were a complete mutual confidence between these isolated beings that none of them will submit to dictation, take a dare, or let the others down, the thing wouldn't work at all. Now would it?"

We, too, have our frontiers, our soldiers on the firing line, our Founders strung out across the whole of the United States and Canada, each maintaining himself on the strength of his own character and his Founder reputation.

"If a single Founder, man or woman, is found wanting, down goes the stock of all other Founders.....That's what we're up against."

But who wants to let the other fellow down? You don't, neither do I. That means that we must maintain standards that will lift those around us to higher levels. Isn't this the course for us to follow in the days ahead?

William H. Danforth - "Minisino"
President,
THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION



We rejoice in our fellowship with you. More than ever we believe that His way is The Way.



Our purpose is to subordinate all other life-objectives to the supreme one that "in all things He might have the preeminence."

We earnestly covet a closer walk through Him with you, as together we strive to point others to the Jesus Way of Living.

Sincerely,



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SECTION II

The Founder Fire

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP

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Number 1

The camps of the past summer were well attended. The anticipated "big drop" in attendance did not materialize, although the enrollment was under that of 1931.

FACT IS, WE WENT AHEAD

in one unit.....the Younger Boys' Camp.....and, as Minisino put it "Any organization that shows a gain these days is certainly doing great work."

BUT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY PLACE

where we went ahead. The enrollment of leaders in the 1932 camps was also greater than the total leader enrollment of 1931. And that is an important item to note, for the success of a camp is determined very largely by its leadership.

AND WHAT A BUNCH OF LEADERS

they were. Up at Merrowvista the Girls' Camp leaders formed themselves into an organization with Lyn Beardslee as their chieftain. I wish I could recall the funny name they gave themselves. I'll try to get that name for the next issue of The Founder Fire. They had a song and yell and the "dignified" leaders disported themselves like sixteen-year olds - but, of course, only at times.

AT MINIWANCA IT WAS THE "FEATHERHEADS"-

Sixty strong.....they held forth. They, too, had their song and yell and how the Featherheads did make the welkin ring! The fame of the Featherheads and their sister organization at Merrowvista is spreading abroad. Already old and graduate leaders in both camps are looking forward to the good times that are ahead in the 1933 camps.

LEADERS IN THE OLDER BOYS' CAMPS

are keeping fully abreast with their sister leaders in the girls' camps. At Merrowvista, Dave Green, Al Gremse, Dave Scott, Herb Schulze, Ray Clipp, Nelson Butler and others are recruiting a leaders' gang of from ten to a dozen men, so that Merrowvista this year will see a full fledged Institute in force in the Boys' Camp. Come on, you old grads and Merrowvista leaders, get in on the big doings this year.

AT MINIWANCA OLDER BOYS' CAMP

a fine bunch of new leaders were in evidence. Howard Fleming from Pennsylvania,

Max Huntley from Ohio, Paul McGinnis from Minnesota, Art Parker from Wisconsin, Bob Heusinkveld from Missouri, and Eddie Stimson of Illinois were among those present for the first time in the boys' camp. Nine graduate leaders were on hand and it was good to see Howie Aderhold and Ken Pollock in the bunch. Old-timers who return, say "There's no place like Miniwanca, or Merrowvista."

DID YOU EVER GO TOBOGGANING IN THE SUMMER TIME?

Oh, I don't mean on some sporty trip to Alaska or way up in the Canadian Rockies, or some ritzy resort in the Alps. I mean tobogganing in July or August - without snow. Well say, you have something coming to you, for



TOBOGGANING IS NOW A MAJOR SPORT

at Camp Miniwanca. Where do we toboggan? Why, down the 300-foot slope of Old Baldy - right down into the woods. Sure thing, we have cleaned away the trees and brush at the foot of Baldy and no one can get hurt. And how we do go...just like on a snow packed slope.

NOW ON A MOONLIGHT NIGHT

instead of just a hike to Old Baldy, a sing and a scramble down the slope, it's a thrilling slide on an honest-to-goodness toboggan. Will that Founder bunch ever stop doing new things? No ma'am, never! Better come up next summer and get in the swim again. Going to have lots of toboggans and some real races. Heigh ho! Let's go!!

SPEAKING OF DOING NEW THINGS



This past summer, the great, world-famous MINIWANCA HIPPODROME made its initial bow in the circus lot next to the Eating Lodge. There were elephants, and camels, and giraffes, and trained seals, and trained horses, and rope walkers, snake charmers, wild man from Borneo, clowns, acrobats, six side-shows, sixteen stellar acts in the main arena, with the thrilling Diving Venus act to cap the climax of a hilariously happy evening of fun. The HIPPODROME held forth for a night in both the boys' and girls' camps. More than 500 visitors viewed the two performances.

THE MIDWAY WAS A GAY WHITE WAY

The big "Main Entrance" and side-show displays served as a background. Concessions lined both sides of the lot.....peanuts, popcorn, ice cream bars, and red lemonade were consumed in great quantities, to say nothing of the hot dog sandwiches in the boys' camp HIPPODROME. The 1933 HIPPODROME promises to be bigger and better.....so come one, come all, and be sure to keep your eye on the elephant

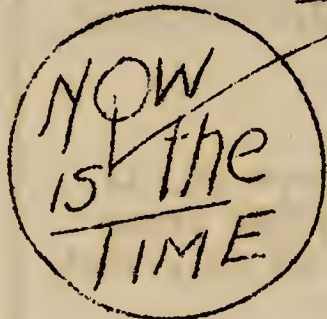
MERROWVISTA CAMPERS ARE TO BE ENVIED

for having a mountain top right in their "back yard." Three minutes after leaving

the Eating Lodge you are on the up-climb. The trail ends on the spacious rock ledge, from which vantage point one has a marvelous view of the surrounding country, including the Winnepesaukee area beyond Bald Mountain. A mountain pool which we discovered several years ago, and which had "lost itself" immediately following its discovery, was located again this past summer. Caretaker John Murray is cleaning out the pool, and a connecting trail between the ledge and the pool will be ready for use next summer. And yes sir, yes ma'am, there are bull frogs in that pool. Whoopee!

SAVE - IN THE CAMP SAVINGS CLUB

SAVE



Old campers and leaders - join the January Club and have your camp fee saved by June.

Graduates and others who plan to come to the 20th Anniversary celebration - you, too, can join the Camp Savings Club.

CHURCH - HIGH SCHOOL and 4-H CLUBS -

any organization, in fact, may join the Camp Savings Club. Capt. Adams' girls in Neptune High School, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, were the first High School group to join the Savings Club. They will have one and probably two scholarships ready when Merrowvista Girls' Camp starts on July 10th. There's a big idea for some of you old campers and leaders to work on. Sell some young people's organization on joining the Founder Camp Savings Club. To be effective, you must get busy on this at once.

JUST AS WE GO TO "PRESS" -

along comes a whale of a letter from Grace Lewis signing up for three memberships in the Camp Savings Club - one in the name of the Mount Holly (New Jersey) High School Camp Club and two in the name of the Girls' Athletic Association of Mount Holly High School. Hats off to these high schools!

YOUR DIME SERVICE CARD

will be coming to you again in February. There will be twenty holes to be filled. You can put in some dimes yourself, you can earn a few, and you can invite your friends to give you a dime or two.



None of us these days are able to give as we should like, but last winter more than 500 old campers and leaders and Founder friends filled out their Dime Service cards, and that "extra push" was just enough to save the day for us.

When your card comes, please fill it, and in this small way, help keep the Founder wheels turning at full speed.

In the meantime - until your card arrives - just toss those spare dimes in your pin tray.

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DO YOU WANT TO EARN \$5.00 - \$10.00 or \$15.00?

You can do it and really not work for it. You know what your camp experience meant to you. Some one helped you to get to camp. Why not be equally thoughtful of some other boy's or girl's welfare and development?

It isn't at all hard to talk camp. Why not do it vigorously, and earn a good bonus in cash or credit on your own camp fee.

The registration of campers is the highest form of Founder service that you can render, for it means the turning of the footsteps of youth into the safe high-road of the Jesus Way.

Send for literature on the seven different units of Founder Camps for 1933.

Some older boy or girl will bless the day you spoke to them about camp. And there are parents without number who will thank you for telling them of the Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Camps.

A ROSTER OF FOUNDER CHILDREN

is being made up in the Founder office. We want the full name, day, month and year of birth, and present address of all children of Founder parents. Many parents have previously sent us this information. Please be nice, and kind and helpful. Do it again - so that we may have an accurate check on our records.

Here's to our Junior Founders. Won't you all be interested in knowing how many there are?

ST. LOUIS FOUNDERS

had a rollicking Fall Frolic in October. Old fashioned bag races, three-legged races, pie-eating contest, etc., and "did we have fun?" Some seventy present. Allan E. Clark was elected president of the St. Louis Fellowship, Sam Waymer, Vice-President, Marge Gleave, Secretary-Treasurer, and Jennylouise White, Assistant Secretary.

FACULTY NEWS

Splendid progress is being made in lining up the faculties of the various Founder Camps for the season of 1933. Full announcement of the faculty roster will be made in a later issue of The Four-Folder. Campers of both Merrowvista and Miniwanca will be glad to hear that Kodaya - Professor O. W. Warmingham of Boston University, has been engaged for the four Older Girls' and Older Boys' Camps. Kodaya is planning on being in Europe after January 1st. He will time his return to be at Merrowvista on the opening day of the Older Boys' Camp.

Fully 90% of the 1933 camp faculties have already been engaged, and the usual strong line-up of old leaders will be on hand to greet the 1933 campers. Now it's the campers turn to get busy and send in their registrations and reservations for their friends so that we will be assured of the best camps ever-in 1933.



Founder Campers' Chat Sheet



Howard Cammack, Huntington, West Virginia, Crusader graduate 1918, is now St. Louis manager John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Sam Love, also old Huntington camper and Crusader graduate 1917, is a noted columnist in New York, writing for a syndicate of more than 200 newspapers.

Bill Fancher, Utica, New York - Pacemaker Merrowvista 1925 - now in Air Service, Hawaiian Islands - tied up with Walter Moore in Honolulu through Chat Sheet.

Adah May Reinhart (Mrs. George Puls, St. Louis) Unstacandas 1916 - now living at 2000 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas. Mother of two fine boys. Prominent church worker.

Marion Lake (Mrs. John M. Player) Wheaton, Illinois - Guardian graduate 1921; mother of Lora Lee, born March 26, 1932, and Jack (nearly five) and Virginia (three last April) - Daddy - John - Gideonite - 1920; residing Route #3, Naperville, Illinois. Hello Lora Lee and Jack and Virginia!

Larmon Elson Abbott arrived May 24, 1932 - mother Elizabeth Elson, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dedicator graduate 1928; father - Larmon (Luke) - Conifers 1926, Howdy, you funny little codger! Residing 407 Cheshire Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Marie Bollinger (Mrs. D. P. Smith) Denver, Colorado; Galilean graduate 1923; mother of husky young son; address 356 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, Mich. Marie is hoping to come to camp next summer.

Frances May (Mrs. R. B. Duff) Hamilton, Ontario, Canada - Guardian graduate 1921; mother of Pauline, 4, and Joan, 2, - residing 31 Carrick Ave., Hamilton. Greetings Pauline and Joan! Tell us about your birthdays.

Polly Early (Mrs. Rev. Gerson S. Engelman) - Arbor Vitae graduate 1929 - now the wife of a busy pastor in Freeport, Illinois. Polly is tied up to just about everything in the county that concerns girls' work.

Wendell A. Jones, Box 441, Roslindale, Massachusetts - Merrowvista Lone Pines '21 - convalescing for three and a half years because of abscess following an injury to his right hip. Wants to be remembered to his camp pals of 1921. We're with you, Wendell, keep up the good fight.

Wayne G. Showers - Forgers - 1922-23-24, was killed several months ago in an auto accident near Elkhart, Indiana.

Ruth Binney Wyche - Nyoda graduate 1930; 14753 Kilbourne Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

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has a fine young daughter, Lois Ann, a year old September 30th. Hello, Lois and mother Ruth!

Billie Blackmon Milne, Merrowvista Trystkeeper - graduate 1924, is having a wonderful time in Columbus, Ohio, with her dandy husband who is pastor of Indianola M. E. Church - Methodist student center - Ohio University; also has a wonderful little daughter. Billie wants Chat Sheet to tell her where Dorcas Hager and Janet Craig Robertshaw are. Our last addresses were - Dorcas Hager, 1202 N. Caroline St., Baltimore, Md., and Janet Craig Robertshaw, 120 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, N. J.

Dr. Sheldon Freeman, Merrowvista Lone Pine graduate 1924 - residence 360 Baynes St., Buffalo, N. Y. - couldn't resist the temptation to spend a week this past summer at Camp Miniwanca. Gee, Shel, we were glad to see you. Do it again.

The sympathy of all Founders goes out to the friends and relatives of Florence Englerth of Dayton, Ohio, who died September 22, 1932. Florence was an outstanding Founder camper of 1927-29.

Edgar J. McNabb, Chocorua - 1930 - is teaching Science in Matawan, New Jersey High School. Is adviser of Hi-Y Club. Keep your weather eye open for one of us one of these days, Mac!

Eleanor Richmond, Franconian graduate - Merrowvista - 1925, is connected with the work of Babson Institute, Babson Park, Mass. We'll be looking for you at camp this summer, Eleanor, - 20th Anniversary Year.

Helen Palk - "Sheboygo" - 1914 and up - is supervisor of Practical Teaching in the Manitoba Normal School. She has written a number of text books for Canadian schools. Sheboygo was again on the Miniwanca faculty this past summer. And are we always glad to have her.

Emma Curtis - Breakers 1929-30 - is in training to be a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

Dad and Wadjepi recently spent two great days in Louisville with Sandy and his bunch of Hi-Y pals.....a fine conference. Watch Louisville fellows this year!

Vivian Musgrave - Breakers graduate '32 - is attending West Virginia University at Morgantown. She is as busy as can be with her studies in Home Economics and with extra curricular activities. She is House President at the Woman's Hall Annex and has been chairman of the 4-H Club Christmas sale.

Jane Joyce who graduated with the Climbers in 1931, is a Senior at Ottawa University, Kansas. She is President of the Student Council, President of a school dramatic club, Treasurer of Players Club, a member of W.A.A., and in between times she helps her school win their games by being one of the "pep" leaders selected by the student body.

Miniwanca campers are mourning the loss of a 1932 comrade - Gladys Nelson of Minneapolis, who died of pneumonia December 12, 1932. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

"LET GEORGE DO IT"-

Every generation of American youth has had certain slang phrases characterizing the language of that period.

How well do some of us oldsters remember the days of "23 - Skidoo!" - "Abernit" and other choice expressions of the past. "Have a heart!" - "So's your old man" belong to the more recent generation.

Perhaps one of the most expressive phrases, and one which embodies the attitude of all generations, even though it was not so expressed verbally, is this - "Let George do it!"

Want to get out of something unpleasant? A shrug of the shoulders plus a significant "Let George do it," and automatically the responsibility was laid at some other person's door. George happened to be the "goat". Want to excuse yourself for something that was really your job? A convenient lapse of memory, and a "Let George do it" attitude, and you immediately passed out of the picture.

The "Let George do it" person is inherently selfish. His first thought is that of pulling out from under any responsibility that would demand sacrifice on his part. The fact that the situation involved is not of his making is sufficient excuse for ducking and "taking to the tall timber."

But a "Let George do it" man is not a happy soul. He spends too much of his preciously short life evading, dodging, and disclaiming responsibility.

How much happier he would be if he would reverse his procedure and would deliberately seek opportunities to let his soul grow big through thoughtful, altruistic service. Why, indeed, should all the opportunities for growing a big soul be given to "George"?

It is not always "money service" that we are called upon to render. In fact, money is the smallest of the demands that are made upon us. We are constantly asked to give our physical energies in errands of helpfulness, our personality, our influence, our example, to those we touch in everyday life.

From a Founder point of view, the very highest form of service is giving one's time to searching out choice young people for Christian leadership training. It's a simple thing to discover that boy next door, that young fellow in the office, that outstanding girl in your church. It's a pleasant task to tell them about your camp experiences, and it's not too difficult a job to persuade the father, the boss, or the pastor to help with expenses.

At least it is not the kind of job you'd want to hand over to "George" and let him have the satisfaction and the joy of helping a boy find himself, or a girl discover the hidden riches in her life.

Why let "George" get all the fun of discovery, the satisfaction of helping, the joy of accomplishment?

DON'T LET GEORGE GET IT.....YOU GET IT!

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